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Applicant(s) : Michael B. CHANCELLOR et al.
Serial No. : 09/302,896
Filed : April 30, 1999
Art Unit : 1636
Examiner : Sumesh Kaushal, Ph.D.
For : **Muscle-Derived Cell-Mediated Gene Transfer for Treating
Muscle- or Bone-Related Injury or Dysfunction**

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE
OCTOBER 24, 2002 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in response to the
October 24, 2002 non-final Office Action in the above-identified patent application. Also
filed concomitantly herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time (3 months) under 37
C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the Extension of Time fee as required under 37 C.F.R.
§1.17(a)(3).

The Amendment is submitted in revised format, as currently permitted by
the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to the notice in the Official Gazette of
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It is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered and
considered by the Examiner at the time of examination of this application.

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IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title of the application to read as follows:

Muscle-Derived Cells (MDCs) ~~Cell-Mediated Gene Transfer~~ for Treating Muscle- or
Bone-Related Injury or Dysfunction.